

March 10, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. O'Malley:

Statistical reports have been received from the Northern Packing Company, Cape Flattery Fisheries Company, and Everett Pacific Fisheries. The report of the Booth Fisheries Company was also received a few day ago.

Referring to your letter of March 1, the Fish Clearing House was not listed as an operator in Alaska by reason of any information received from the Pacific Fisherman. In going through records at the customs house in Juneau, the name of this concern appeared several times, as did also that of H. S. Finch, as shippers of fishery products from Alaska. The declaration sheets at the customs house made out in the name of these parties were identical in form with those used by every salmon canner or salter in Alaska. It was therefore to be assumed that the Fish Clearing House and H. S. Finch were packers in Alaska. If they did not pack, would it be any particular hardship on them to furnish us with the names of those packers from whom they received shipments of fish or fishery products in order that we may get reports from them?

The same situation exists in respect to Wieland Bros. of San Francisco, who advise, as you know, that they are merely sellers of products shipped to them by various packers in Alaska.

These fish dealers in the cities on the Pacific Coast receive considerable quantities of Alaska fishery products each year for which no one makes report to the Bureau, and as the Bureau has no means of knowing all the operators except through records of other offices and publications of items in periodicals and newspapers, it is necessary that use be made of all sources of information. Some dealers may thus be asked to make reports when they should not have been, but it seems wholly proper that they be requested to furnish information in respect to the operators with whom they deal. Will you so advise them, and communicate with those whose names they may report?

Very truly yours,

*Nard J. Bower.*